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DIARY NOTESExecutive Director-Comptroller

2 September 1965



✓ 1. There was quite a flap this morning over the failure of a message from [redacted] to get here on time and its subsequent handling. The gist of it is this: Last night a message was sent to [redacted] asking for up-to-date Sitreps on the [redacted] situation as of 0500 hours today to arrive Washington by 0700 hours. The [redacted] message came through all right. The [redacted] message was not filed until 0640 hours (they apparently forgot about Daylight Saving Time). In addition, the message was two and a half hours in transmission due to poor communications. It was not properly handled by either the Clandestine Services or the Office of Current Intelligence Watch Office after it did arrive, and as a result the Director went through quite a tirade. He needed the information for a 9 a.m. meeting at the White House. Des FitzGerald, Jack Smith, Jim Critchfield, and I have had discussions about this, and I think that there will be much closer cooperation and coordination between the DD/I and DD/P on these matters as a result of this incident.

2. I met with [redacted] to discuss several items. 25X1

b. I also learned from [redacted] that they do not normally get press releases from the White House. I therefore telephoned John Warner and asked him to examine the weekly compilation of Presidential documents looking for press releases as well as other items which should be brought to the Director's attention. In this connection I learned that Jack does not have a White House pass. Stan used to have one, but of course does not have one now. We should, therefore, request a White House pass for [redacted] so he can re-establish this contact when he comes on duty. 25X1

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3. I reviewed with [redacted] a slate of trustees for the Educational Aid Fund and asked him for another paper which I could show to Dick Helms.

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4. I had quite a discussion with Des FitzGerald and Paul Borel immediately after the morning meeting about coordination with the Department of State on Governmental sponsorship of foreign area research. Des took the view that DD/P would like to coordinate with bureaus of the Department of State which approve individual projects before they are implemented. Paul wanted DD/I to broker for the entire Agency including those programs of the Clandestine Services. I advised them that it did not seem appropriate to me for the DD/I to broker the clandestine operational projects and said that I would speak to Tom Hughes about setting up two separate procedures for CIA. One would be in accordance with Des' request and the other would be an overt point of contact, probably [redacted] in the DD/I, for other foreign area research.

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5. John Warner reported that he saw Dr. Morgan, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr. Zablocki about the [redacted] incident. Mr. Zablocki will merely tell the press that there has been an investigation and that he has nothing further to say about it. In fact, there will be no investigation as has been advertized in the press. John also saw the staff members of our committees and told them the facts. They were not excited and were in no way critical of the Agency.

6. I had quite a philosophical discussion with Jack Smith and Walt Elder about the Operations Center. I think that Jack now understands that the Director looks upon the Senior Intelligence Duty Officer as he would a watch officer on the bridge of the ship; in other words, during off-duty hours he feels that he should be able to call the SIDO and through him get anything he needs. Furthermore, he thinks that the SIDO should exercise more initiative in calling other people in the Agency to get things done or to report to them what has been done. I also urged Jack to have the SIDO call Walt Elder or someone in the Director's office when the Director is personally involved. They were badly negligent on this score last night in connection with the Director's appointment at the White House this morning.

7. [redacted] telephoned to inquire whether they could promote supergrades at this time. I told him that they could and, in fact, I thought the freeze was lifted on this some time ago.

8. At the morning meeting yesterday Bud Wheelon put forth a proposal to eliminate an [redacted]

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from our processing system. Jack Smith and everyone else around the table supported this position. Ray Cline was not there, however, and called me today to say that he disagreed. I asked him to talk with Bud to see if they could sort out their differences. If they can't, then the Director should know this before he signs a letter about the new system.

9. Walt Elder advised me that the Director wanted to have another look at the classification of the Indo-China maps. He apparently wants something that he could leave on his desk, which of course he can't do with the classified maps.

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